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**Summary:** AU: The reason Martin Brenner even got involved with Hawkins Lab was to save his eleven-year-old daughter, Maggie. In the years since her death Brenner has become a cog in the machine until Eleven, and Maggie's memory through her, give 'Papa' the courage to face his own demons and seek redemption and the happiness taken from him.

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Obedient, she did. The silver paper tore away to reveal photographs in frames: one of Terry Ives, one of her in a dress she had selected not long after escaping the lab with me after I had burned the place in an act of freeing arson. In the picture, Eleven's hair had grown quickly to be at her chin and the yellow dress she had wanted making her look like a young girl, manifesting my shame almost like Maggie was standing there looking at me and staring at me in disappointment. It should've been her and now she has to make sure the Bad Man, the warped because of loss Martin Brenner, not return to hurt my second chance./p

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